Dr. O'Reilly, of the army, who has been made prominent by his attendance upon the President, and is usually mentioned in the society columns of the newspapers now as the "physician to the President," took Col. Wilson's place last Saturday in the introduction of eallers to Mrs. Cleveland. It is prob ably the first time that the White House family doctor has been selected to fil such a post. It is a position great! sought after by army officers, as it give them prestige in society and doubtles helps to keep them in the order of eas and pleasant assignments.

trine and yielded to its authority.

The favorite house among the Justice of the Supreme Court at Washington that of Mr Justice Stanley Matthews The interior is furnished in the lates and most asthetic manner. Mrs. Justice Matthews is a pleasant, bright-faced lady, rather inclined to plumpness, who presides over her beautifu establishment with untiring cordiality and hospitality. The young ladies of the family are firmly established as acknowledged favorites. They are noted for their charms and intelligence, and for the simplicity and freedom from pretension of their manners.

"I have surely discovered the author of 'The Breadwinners,' " said a young literary man in the hearing of the Albany Evening Journal. It is John Hay, as has been asserted. You remember the popular name of Offit in the book. Well, a man of that name appears in the early chapters of the life of Lincoln, which Hay and Nicolay are publishing in the Century. I mentioned the coincidence to one of the assistant editors of the magazine and he admitted, on being pressed hard, that John Hay wrote the much-talked-about no el."

Congressman William R. Cox has introduced a bill to allow the widow of the late Rev. Moses A. Hopkins, who died recently while minister to Liberia. a year's salary. The late Minister Hop-Carolina. About a quarter of a century ago Gen. Cox led the last charge at Appointation, and heart and heart and heart are a supposed in Bloomfield township. Essex conscious and heart are a supposed in Bloomfield township. at Appomattox, and bears on his person the sears of 11 wounds. He little thought then that he woul introduce a bill to pay the widow of a colored fellow-citizen several thousand dollars.

James Russell Lowell thus satirizes much of the news of the daily press as follows: 'We cover the continent with a cobweb of telegraphs to inform us of such inspiring facts as that a horse belonging to Mr. Smith ran away on Wednesday; that a son of Mr. Brown swallowed a hickory nut on Thursday; and that a gravel bank caved in and burried Mr. Robinson alive on Friday. Alas," he adds, "it s we ourselves that are getting buried alive under this avatanche of earthly impertinences!"

There is a postoffice in Pennsylvania known as "President." On Monday President Cleveland received a letter addressed as follows: 'Bis Excellency Hon. Grover Cleveland, Pres'dent. The letter had been forwarded from President, Pa., and was indorsed :: o here at present. Try Washington.' Mr. Cleveland was much amused at the incident.

A Nebraska City bachelor declares that the girls down there are so auxious to get married that a man "so homely that the reflection of his face will dent a new milk pan," can get a dozen offers in a day without asking. And yet that wrinkled crust of uselessness has waded through fifty years, blissfully unconscious of the joys of home and . hil-

The Chicago Inter-Ocean is pleased to be facetious and says: Governor Swineford, of Alaska, is again at his old near Newaygo.

Quartermaster-General George A. Hart has turned over to Gen. Sherman B. Dabencouragement to a newly made benelict who left his wife in the States. The Governor will take Mrs. Swineford back to Alaska with him.

Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll says that the United States Senate Posses. home in Michigan. Alaska has but one mail a month, which is not much of an encouragement to a newly made benedict who left his wife in the States. The Governor will take Mrs. Swineford back to Alaska with him.

in the United States Senate Roscoe Conkling would occupy the same position to the Senate that New York does to the Union, but his law practice is too great for him to accept the election if tendered him.

In the first issue of his paper, Henry George says: "I shall endeavor to conduct this paper by the same rules on which a just man would regulate his

reformation of those who fill up with eggneg and swear off on New Year's daze.—The Hatchet.

If Detroit gets a new public building it will be the only city in Michigan so favored.

James N. Franch ...

MICHIGAN MATTERS.

Michigan Dairymen's Association.

The third annual session of the Michigan dairymen's association will be held at Fenton hall, Flint on Tuessiay, Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 15, 16 and 17, convening at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the day first named. All those interested in day first named. All those interested in the subject of dairying, either as farmers, stock-raisers, owners of private dairies, patrons of chee-e factories or creameries, cheese or butter manufacturers and deal-ers, milk dealers and manufacturers and ers, milk dealers and manufacturers and dealers in dairy appliances and supplies, are cordially invited to attend the convention and favor those present with such suggestions as may seem to them to be pertinent to the occasion. Those so inclined are requested to prepare papers on dairy subjects, and ample opportunity will be given for discussion and the interchange of opinions and observations. Reduced rates have been obtained at the hotels, and every effort will be made to render the convention a pleasant and profitable one.

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An important feature of the convention will be the exhibit of dairy appliances and supplies, which will be larger than ever before, and cannot fail to prove attractive to every progressive dairyman. Ample space has been secured in a large room adjoining the meeting hall, for which there will be no charge. Exhibitors are samestly invited to avail themselves of this opportunity, as the convention will bring together the largest gathering of dairymen even held in the state. Those intending to make displays will please notify S. J. Wilson, Flint, the amount of space required, in order that the same may be reserved. All exhibits sent in his care (freight prepaid) will be carefully handled and guarded.

The Growth of Trees.

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latest agricultural college bulletin is with reference to the growing of forest trees, from which we extract the follow-ing table giving the age, height and diam-eter of different trees that have been grown under the observation of the college

NAME	Age,	Height,	incl
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Swamp White Oal		10	
Sugar Maple		15	
White Pine	. 9	15	
Butternut	. 10	18	
Black Walnut	. 9	15	
White Ash		28	
Black Cherry		17	
Basswood		25	
Red Eim		30	
Poplar Birch	13	. 30	
ropiar biren		30	
Balsam Poplar			
European Larch.		.28	
Locust		25	
Chestnut		23	
Catalpa Speciosa.	13	28	
Silver Maple	10	555	

State News Condensed.

The following are tle zew officers of the state sportsmen's association; President, E. S. Holmes, Grand Rapids; secretary, E. S. Holmes, Grand Rapids; secretary, Mark Norris, Grand Rapids; treasurer, N. A. Osgood, Bay City; director for four years, A. L. Lakey, Kalamazoo; delegates to the June convention at Chicago, E. S. Holmes, Mark Norris, E. O. Lancaster, H. Widdecomb and E. C. Nichols. The next meeting will be held in Chicago on the second Tuesday in January.

Rev. I. N. Elwood, a prominent Metho-dist minister and well-known in the state, died in Flint on the 19th inst.

Henry Neinhouse, a young man 20 years old, was instantly killed by a falling tree at one of D. P. Clay's lumber camps, two miles from Newaygo. His home was in Muskegon and his body was taken there for interment.

Mrs. Eber Adams, for nearly half a cen-tury a resident of Adrian, is dead. A little son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kenne-dy of Meredith, Clare county, accidentally got to a bottle of carbolic acid and drank of it, causing his death.

A telegram from Dakota announces that C. B. Buck and his son Herman of Sturgis, and Mr. Davis, at whose house they were stopping, perished in a blizzard recently.

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The Michigan state sportsmen's association, in session in Lansing, elected the following officers for the coming year: President, E. S. Holmes, Grand Rapids; secretary, Mark Norris, Grand Rapids; treasurer, N. A. Osgood, Battle Creex; A. L. Lakey, Kalamazoo, director for four years. E. S. Holmes, Mark Norris, E. O. Lancaster and H. Widdicomb were chosen representatives to the national sportsmen's congress, which is to meet in Chicago next June.

Frank Hiscock is the republican nominee for senator from New York.

President Andrew D. White is to be given to Cornell university. Mr. White has been 35 years in collecting his library, and ex-pended over \$100,000. The library embraces 30,000 volumes, 10,000 pamphlets and

ome manuscripts. Wells, the brakeman arrested for having caused the wreck at East Rio, Wis., in October last, when 18 lives were lost, has been acquitted.

The funeral of four of the victims of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad disaster at Republic, Ohio, on the 4th inst., was held on the 18th. Several thousand persons attended. The funeral was under masonic

The Phoenix & Maricopa railway company are grading a line of road through the Gila River Indian reservation in Arizona without having obtained the necessary consent from the Indians. The interior department has notified them that unless they stop the military will be sent to oust them.

Tariff men want to put lumber and salt on the free list. Hon. S. S. Cox, who has been very ill at his home in Washington, is slowly i m-

proving. The treasury department has decided that no drawback can be allowed on the exportation of imported bottles filled with beer manufactured in the United States from domestic materials.

The first national encampment of the union veteran's union was held in Washington on the 18th inst. The national board of trade held its annual meeting in Washington on the 19th.

Bishop Cain of the African M. E. church dead at Washington. Second Comptroller Maynard has allowed the claim of Watt Grayson, a Creek Indian, for \$12,000, for money proven to have been stolen from him by white men.

The New York liquor dealers' association has failed to compromise with the pool of brewers, and have resolved to boycott the beer sold by the pool. There are but six brewers out of the pool, and as they cannot begin to supply the demand a beer famine is expected.

Several farmers in Galesburg, Kalama zoo county, have just found out that they have been swindled by Bohemian oat men out of sums ranging from \$2,000 to \$2,500. The swindlers cannot be found

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Some one has written to the crown attorney at London, Ont., assuring him that Dr. Wier, if extradited, would probably have to be tried outside Oscoda or Au Sable, as the case has been so notorious there that no jury of unbiased opinions could be found. The person suggests Lansing or Detroit as likely to be the scene of the trial.

John Bell of Sebewa, Ionia county, came to Ionia in December, 1885, and became intoxicated. While driving home be fell out of his wagon and was killed. The widow has brought suit against the salcon keepeer who furnished the liquor and his bondsmen. The case came for trial and the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for \$1,500.

Mrs. Mary E. Pendill, physician of East Saginaw, is reported to have fallen heir to a fortune of \$30,000 by the death of an aunt in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Rhoda Strunk, wife of the editor of the Gaylord Independent has been appointed postmistress at Gaylord, Otsego

Col. Black of the Twenty-third infantry, Port Wayne, has been summoned to Wash-ington to attend the court martial of Lieut. Cearles Humphreys of the Third Artillery, son of the late Gen. Humphreys, chief of engineers.

chief of engineers.

Traveling men should investigate the advantages offered by the Ghand Union Hotel, New York, as a stopping place for the commercial fraternity. It is strictly first-class in every particular, and is conducted at prices that caunot but command the attention of travelers, who wish to live well and at the same time save their houses as much as possible in the way of expenses.—Merchant Traveler.

The prohibition state central committee met in Lansing on the 30th inst, and decided to hold their state convention in Lansing, Feb. 24. The basis of representation will be ten delegates to each representative district. The following committee was appointed to act with the temperance people of the state in the event the amendment is submitted: Samuel Dickle, Albion J. R. Laing, Flint; A. B. Cheney, Sparta; Robert King, Lapeer: E. B. Sutton, Adrian. Frank H. Guest, living near Otsego, started for the village after a physician for his mother, who was quite ill, and returning was himself taken suddenly ill, and died the following day. His mother was gaining steadily until she heard of her son's death, and Thursday afternoon she died from grief at his untimely end.

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Marshall proudly boasts that it is out of Ernest Minkley, a brakeman on the D. & N., was cut in two by the cars near Rodney.

Fred Lamond of Kalamazoo dropped lead on the street in St. Thomas, Ont., a few days ago.

Charles Wixtrom of Muskegon, a Swede Charles wixtrom or auskegon, a swede 50 years old, who has been working for his board for the city hall as janitor, accident-ally fell down stairs and broke his skull, killing him almost instantly. He has no relatives in this country.

The Wageworkers' party of Grand Rapids has been organized. The by-law ids has been organized. The by-laws adopted specify that it is to be local in its character, the most prominent idea being to purify and elevate the politics of that city and to enlist in its ranks all men who are interested in bringing about this re-sult. The members propose to form a number of local clubs, which will be under Montealm county has decided not to furnish the inmates of the county house any more tobacco, the bills for that article having reached about \$100 per year.

The bill for the relief of Marsh & Lafever of Battle Creek, in their patent controversy with Nichols, Shepard & Co., has become a law, settling a suit which has been in the courts for several years. The bill makes perfect a patent on valve gear which the first named firm received in '80, but which the secretary of the interior but which the secretary of the interior had inadvertently failed to sign.

The state central committee of the colrie state central committee of the colored people of the state met in Jackson on the 18th inst. Resolutions were passed favoring the submission of a prohibitory amendment to the people of the state and indorsing the action of the knights of labor in behalf of the colored people at Richmond, Va. The committee then adjourned, subject to the call of the president.

dent.

The Commercial iron mining company has been organized at Negaunee with a capital of \$1,000,000, with \$0,000 shares of stock. President, Hon. Jno. Q. Adams; vice president, Seth D. North; secretary, M. R. Goldsworthy; treasurer, D. Kleckner, all of Hancock. The principal office will be Hancock.

Thursday, the 25th inst., is the 50th aninto the union. Miss Frances E. Willard will lecture in Michigan in February in the interests of the social purity movement.

Mrs. M. Adele Haziett of Hudson, the well known political speaker, has been ap-pointed to a position in the auditor gen-eral's office.

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Five locomotives and the round house of the Calumet & Hecla mining company at Calumet were burned the other night at a loss of \$75,000.

Jerry Melampy, a young man 24 years of age, employed in the Lake Angeline mine, was struck on the head by a falling timber in the mine and instantly killed.

Los Brewer, of Owosso, is under arrest for the seduction of Miss Linda Brooks, aged 19, who died a few days ago, having become a mother.

Gen. Cutcheon has made formal applica-tion for the establishment of a free deliv-ery service at Manistee and Muskegon. The postmaster general has promised to send an inspector to those two cities at once to report upon the advisability of establishing the service there.

The bill to consolidate customs districts has been reported back from the ways and means committee. Representative Maybury has secured an amendment which wipes out the proposed consolidation of the Marquette with the Duluth district, and leaves Michigan in just the condition that it is now as far as customs districts are concerned.

For the ice carnival at Moutreal the Michigan Central and Canadian Pacific railway will sell excursion tickets there and return to Detroit at \$11.50 for the round trip. Tickets good going Feb. 4th, 11th, and returning up to Feb. 16th, 1887.

I. T. Wallen, a young man employed in a Grand Rapids factory, was caught in some machinery as be was putting a belt pulley on a shait. He slipped and was dragged between the pulley and a beam. The pulley made about 100 revolutions a minute. His clothes were torn to shreds, both lary and one arm were broken, and both legs and one arm were broken, and he received other injuries.

Falk Austrian, a well known and lead-ing merchant of the Lake Superior copper region in the sixties, has just died in Chi-

cago.

M. H. Perkins, of Upton & Perkins, clothing dealers, a prominent young business man and member of the common council of Hudson, dropped dead the other

Will Rhead and John W. Hall of Hudson make affidavit that they have been cured of their respective ailments by the faith

A company is being organized in Marine City to bore for natural gas. A protective association of business men has been formed in Stanton.

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Levi Truesdell, aged 71, and one of Muskegon's pioneers, died on the 18th of a complication of diseases. He was waylaid by sandbaggers two years ago and never fully recovered from the effects of the beating he received. His son died of pneumonia a few hours later.

The janitor of the Alma union school was a British soldier during the Abyssinian war and carries a medal for honorable ser-

The annual report of Labor Cemmission-er Pond shows that the Coldwater road cart company have a contract with the Reform school at Lansing to work 25 men at 30 cents a day. Marine City is noted for something else besides sait. About 100 tons of the fra grant(!) limburger cheese were manufactured there the past year.

The Northwestern Lumberman says a good trade has sprung up lately along the upper railroads for black birch knots and burls. These, of course are used for veneers, and are worth 7½ cents a pound. The farmer will bring in a knot on a hand sled that will be worth from \$7 to \$8. It is the best paying business they have struck vet.

LANSING LOGIC.

The Legislature Elects a Senator - Several Bills Passed General News from the State Capital.

LANSINO, January 24, 1887. The most important event in fegislative circles the past week was the election of ... United States senator. The vote was taken separately in each house in the senate Stockbridge received 22 votes, and 05 votes were cast for him in the house. The final formalities of the election were concluded the day following the election in joint session of the two houses and the lion. Francis B. Stockbridge officially declared to have been chosen for the full term of six years from the 4th of March. 1888. The result of the vote in each house was announced by the vote in each house was announced by President pro tem. Monroe of the senate, who presided over the joint convention, and immediately thereafter the conven-tion adjourned.

One of the afternoon sessions of the One of the afternoon sessions of the house was devoted to the special order of memorial services in honor of the late Ovid N. Case of Detroit. Speeches eulogistic of the character and virtues of the deceased were made. Memorial resolutions were introduced and adopted, and the whole ordered printed in the journals of the house. A yet more substantial method of testifying to the worth and usefulness of the deceased, was when the vote to pay to the window the deceased member's salary promptly prevailed. The senate has set apart Fri lay, Jan. 23, for memorial services on the life and death of the late representative. The senate has passed the bill relating to

The senate has passed the bill relating to the discharge of mortgages, one incorpo-rating the village of Carsonville, and spent considerable time discussing the bill relat-ing to the solemnization of marriages and the issuing of licenses therefor. The bill proposes radical changes in the marriage laws of the state, but in spite of its radical nature it is strongly endorsed by the clergy and legal fraternity of the state. The house has pas ed bills providing for

appointment of an assistant prosecuting attorney for Bay county at an annual salary of \$1,000; to punish drunk and intoxicated persons: to amend the act rela-tive to offenses against property, and several relating to charters of various villages and cities. The bill introduced at the beginning of

the present session to punish Rohemian out rascals and other swindlers in cereals has been favorably reported and will undoubtedly become a law as the prevailing sentiment seems to be in favor of protecting such of our rural community as are sufficiently guilible to be taken in by these agents.

In committee of the whole the house passed the Breen bill for the suppression of the infamous dance houses of the upper peninsula. Mr. Breen, the author of the bill, made an eloquent and effective argument depicting the horrors of the system by which young girls are enticed into the dance houses of the mining camps under false representations, and then convolled false representations, and then compelled to give themselves up to lives of shame, and very graphically described the method of chasing the unfortunate wretches who escaped, by putting dogs on their trails. The bill as passed by the house, punishes with five years' imprisonment, any person gation of the treaty.

One measure which ilicited considerable discussion and which was defeated by a large majority, was that to require circuit and supreme court jadges to transmit to the governor certain recommend to the amendment of the statutes

The bill to repeal the act establishing standard time called forth an animated debate. It was very noticeable that the division of sentiment was about on sectional lines as between the east and the west, although one of the members from Wayne county voted against the bill. When the roll was called 40 members voted aye and 46 voted in the negative.

The bill relating to offenses against the The bill relating to offenses against the lives and persons of individuals involving the raising of 'the age of consent' to 18 years, come in for a share of the attention of the house. Floods of petitions are pouring in every day, asking for the passage of the bill. The petitions all pray for the 18 year limit. The age limit is the pivotal require of the massive come favoring 16. tal point of the measure, some favoring 16 years, and a not small constituency sup-port the 18 year limit.

Lansing society is on the qui sice about the reception to Gov. and Mrs. Luce, Miss Luce and the new state officials, to be tendered by Ex-Gov. Alger at Detroit, on

In executive session the senate has considered and approved a number of the governors appointments.

In reply to the request upon Gov. Luce from the president of the southern forestry congress asking him to name some prominent person from Michigan to whose memory a tree might be dedicated in the the circle (around the great spring) representing the American union, the governor selected Zachariah Chaudler and said, in his reply, that Michigan would be highly honored and complimented by this action of the southern forestry congress.

A resolution was introduced in the house during the week reciting that 'whereas certain newspapers of the state contain intimations and charges against the good management of the soldiers' home at Grand Rapids; insinuating and charging that the institution is mismanaged; that its inmates are neglected and abused and used like dogs, and that it is a hell rather than a humane institution, therefore resolved (the senate concurring), that a se-lect committee consisting of three mem-bers of the house and two of the senate be appointed to investigate the insinuations and charges of bad management at that

"Resolved further, that said committee be and it is hereby authorized to hold sessions at the soldiers' home or elsewhere, to administer oaths, to enforce the attendance of witnesses, to take testimony—employing a clerk or stenographer therefor if necessary—and to perform all such duties as it shall decide best to ascertain fully the truth or falsity of such newspaper insinuations and charges and report their doings to this legislature at the earliest possible day."

The governor has signed the bills author izing the village of Blissfield to borrow money to build a new bridge, and also the measure asking congress to pass the Miller bill to prevent contagion among domestic animals.

The funeral of four of the victims of the Baltimore & Ohio wreck at Ropublic, O., on the 4th inst., was held at Republic in the town hall, on the 18th inst. Eleven clergyman officiated, the sermon being preached by Rev. M. Dewitt Long of Bioomville, O. Thousands of people were in attendance and the Masonic lodges of all the surrounding towns were represented by delegates. The bodies buried were those of David Ober, Oberlin, Pa.; J. S. Gartner, Mechanicsville, Ia.; Frank, D. Bowman, Lanark, Ill., and Thomas Pemberton, Payne, O. The four hearses were followed to the Republic cemetery by a long procession. The interment was made in a lot purchased by the railrad company. The funeral of four of the victims of the

No Lack of Volunteers.

Henry M. Stanley, the explorer, is flooded with offers from good men who wish to accompany his expedition for the relief of Emin Bey, and he has found it difficult to select from the many competent applicants the few required. The British government has supplied the expedition with a major and lieutenant of engineers. Mr. Stanley is determined to reach Emin Bey by July at the latest. He will meet Dr. Junker at Port Said on his way out. He will establish a camp at a safe distance from the Congo on the route to Lake Victoria Nyanza, to be used as a base of operations.

Terrible Drouth in Texas. A special committee appointed to investigate as to the suffering from the drouth prevalent over a large section of the state, has submitted its report to the legislature. The committee state that there is a large section of the state which has been visited by one of the most destructive drouths ever known in the history of Texas. In this region there are at least 20,000 persons who are or soon will be absolutely destitute and who cannot possibly subsist without immediate assistance.

WASHINGTON NEWS Doings of Law Makers, Politicians and Society People at the National Gapital Briefly Chronicled.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Jan. 21, 1887. In the report of the house committee on the senate bill to admit Washington territory as a state, the statement is made that the territory, together with that portion of Idaho proposed to be annexed to the new state, contains 25,000 more inhabitants than the established figure of repreentation. The committee also shows that Montana also has all the requirements of a new state, and recommends that the constitution of both proposed states shall include a provision forbidding polygamy. Senator Sherman submitted a lengthy emorial from the legislative assembly of

ton Territory. The president's dinner to his cabinet this week was a notable society event. Every member of the cabinet was present, and een dazzlingly beautiful, and as they wandered among the brilliantly lighted rooms, filled with choice cut flowers and tropical plants, the place seemed transformed into fairyland.

Idaho protesting against the proposition

to annex a portion of Idaho to Washing-

Gen. Hazen's funeral took place on the 19th. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Leonard, rector of St. John's P. E. Church. A throng of distinguished people attended, including Secretary Endicot,t Gen. Sheridan, and many prominent flicers of the army and navy. The interment was made in Oak Hill cemetery with military honors. The escort consisted of battalion and battery, a company of narines and a detachment of enlisted men from the signal corps. By direction of the president the war department was closed at noon as a mark of respect to the de.

The bill appropriating \$20,000 to com lete the monument to Mary Washington similar bill was also reported back in the other night which, but for the interference by President Jackson nearly 54 years ago. Work was continued for four years, but Liddell families, two wealthy families on nothing has been done on it since.

At a recent session of the senate that body decided in favor of a renewal of the Hawaiian treaty. As there is some quesconsiderable interest is felt as to what ac of Liddell's friends lynched the tion the house will take. The opinion is freely expressed in congressional circles that the house will vote for the total abro-

A number of petitions have been received this session asking temporary aid for nurse during the war, has been passed common schools to be disbursed on the basis of illiteracy. It is a noticable fact that a number of these petitions come gan from some states whose educational facilities and methods are regarded as models.

S. Ayres of Maine chaptain-in-chief, H. A. poor, it is said. Chever of Chelsea, Mass., surgeon general, William W. White of Washington, G. P. Burch of Ohio, P. H. Coney of Kansas, J. J. Brown of New York and Edward Hughes of Massachusetts were elected members of the executive committee. The badge of brass, representing two clasped hands, and a shield with a pair of muskets engraved thereon pendant to it. Around the rim of the shield are the characters "U. V. U. 1861-1865." In the center of the shield are crossed cannon and sabres with the letters "F. C. L."

Gov. Swineford of Alaska is in the city duce congress to open lands in Alaska to settlement. At present he says progress is retarded by the fact that the land cannot be acquired under any of the laws which apply to the public domain of the United States proper. He will be perfectly satisfied if he can get congress to ex tend the land laws to Alaska. This he thinks would serve to boom the territory and to turn the tide of emigration that

way. Gov. Swineford has a bill before congress, introduced at his request last session. It provides that Alaska may be represented on the floor of congress by the governor of the territory, who shall have the same rights and privileges as a delegate from any of the other territories, As this would be likely to mix up the executive and legislative branches of the government, it is not likely to pass. Gov. Swineford may be successful in his other

During the present week the senate has passed the general appropriation billvoting \$75,000,000 in one lump, and the house added an army to the pension roll by the passage of the Mexican pension

The Logan fund to date amounts to about \$60,000, including the amount collected by personal friends in Chicago. As soon as all liabilities are satisfied the mortgages on her home will be disposed of. Mrs Logan is engaged in arranging and preparing papers and reminiscen-

of the general's for publication. The much-mooted inter-state commerce bill, which has been the bone of contention in both branches of congress for a long time, is now ready for the president's signature, the till having passed the house by a vote of 219 year to 41 nays. A strong pressure is being brought to bear to induce the president to veto the bill. It is under stood that the president disagrees with everal of the provisions of the bill, but he, like a great many members of congress admits that something in the way of federal legislation is necessary to regulate inter-state commerce, and is willing to try

The bill, as amended in conference and passed by both houses, prohibits railroad ompanies entering into pools or combinations, or charging more per mile for a short haul than a long haul. It provides for the appointment of a commission of e persons by the president, who shall cause all railroads entering one state from another to furnish a schedule of rates, and shall sit as a court for the recovery of preference between the commission and the United States courts. Violations of the act are made penal offenses, the max-imum fine being placed at \$5,000. The act goes into effect sixty days from its passage.

A petition has been presented to the senate from the W. C. T. U. of the district of Columbia charging the commissioner of the District of Columbia with disregarding the purity, safety and moral interests and rights of the people; and asserts that, in direct violation of law they have been for

gambling halls, pool rooms, and drinking tion and vice and giving numerous particu. lars. It charges that a house owned by one of the commissioners is used as an office by the agent of the Louisiana state lottery and that Frank Hume, the president of the liquor dealers' assoctiation, is a dsman of one of the commissioners It therefore prays for at horough investigation of the facts, and for the proper en. forcement of law and protection of homes within the district. After an animated discussion of the petition, one and all agreed that radical measures should be adopted, and the pet tion was referred.

The bills granting pensions to the widows of Gen. Logan and Gen. Frank Blair have been defeated in house committee on invalpensions. The division was made on party lines, strictly. The only precedents for passing such bills are found in the cases of the widows and families of Admiral Farragut, Generals Hancock, Thomas and Grant, and the majority of the the toilets of the ladies are said to have committee believe that it would be bad policy to follow those precedents in view of the fact that there are about .0) surviving widows of officers who would then be entitled to pensions, who are now excluded by the general law. Notwithstanding this action of the committee the friends of the bill are confident that when it is put on its final passage, it will have a very unanimous support.

The national board of trade met in this city on the 19th, and passed resolutions favoring laws preventing the importation of adulterated food and medicines; estab lishing a uniform grain standard for the United States, and creating an economical bankrupt law. A resolution favoring th passage of the inter-state commerce bill was lost, as the board thought any action on their part might endanger the passage of the bill.

Congressmen King and Jones of Louisihas been reported back to the house. A ana had a quarrel in a barber shop the senate and placed on the calendar. The of by-standers would have resulted in a corner stone of the monument was laid murder. The cause of the quarrel is an old family feud between the Jones and the Black river of Louisiana. During the course of the feud, Jones's grandfather was shot and killed by Mrs. Liddell, for circulating defamatory reports about her: Mrs. Liddell's son was killed by the tion as to whether the senate can act in Jones's; Gen. Liddell was murdered by dependently of the house in this matter, the Jones's, father and son; and a party Jones and one son.

The bill granting a pension to Anna Ethridge Hooks, a celebrated Michigan woman, who acted as a field and hospital by the senate. Mrs. Hook's service was with the second, third and fourth Michiregiments. She was on in the thickest of the once in Virginia, and when the commander fell mortally wounded she jumped upon The union veterans have elected M. Dil- his horse, rallied the soldiers and led the n of Washington to be commader in chief charge. In her papers for a pension is a for the ensuing year, Wm. Clark of Cleve- letter from the late Gen. Hancock of a land to be major general, Alex. N. John-son of Newark, N. J., brigadier general, G. bad health as the result of exposure and is

There has been a lingering hope in all parts of the country that an amended extradition treaty between the United States and Great Britain would be ratifled at this session of congress, but the adopted for the order consists of a red, senate is dissatisfied with the one proposwhite and blue ribbon, with a head piece ed and there is very little chance for its

The Debts of the Pacific Boads.

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Secretary Manning informs the senate, in reply to a resolution of inquiry, that the amount due from the several Pacific railroads for interest paid by the United States to Jan. 1. 1887, was \$70.854.325, of which \$21.552.144 had been repaid, leaving due \$48.302.181. There will be due on the same account, at maturity of the subsidiary bends, Sept. 11, 1897, the further sum of \$43.403.921, making a total of \$62.702.103 due and to become due on account of interest. There is also to become due on account of principal of these bonds at maturity the sum of \$64.623.512, making an aggregate indebtedness due and to become due of \$157,332.615.

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A frightful accident happened in London, Eng., on the evening of the 18th inst. The Hebrew Dramatic Club gave an entertainment at a theater in Princess street, tainment at a theater in Princess street, Spitaifields, which was attended by about 500 persons, mostly Jews. Some one in the gallery, doubtless for a joke, shouted "Fire." The gas was immediately turned off at the meter and a terrible panic ensued. The people rushed in a solid mass for the doors and numbers were trodden under foot. When the panic had subsided it was found that twelve women and five youths had been trampled to death in the rash to escape and many others injured.

Three Men Burned to Death. The Arlington house in New Westminister, B. C., was burned on the 18th inst. The structure, being wooden, was soon one mass of flames, and three guests, unable to escape, burned to death. Their names were Thomas Mackey, a contractor of Frazer River lighthouse: Geo. Campbell of Sherbrooke, Que., and Rufus Brown, a fence builder of the Canadian Pacific rail-

Quarding Against Accidents.

The Baltimore & Ohio paymaster who visited Republic, Ohio, the last pay day, compelled each employe of the road to sign the pledge to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquor before he could draw his pay. This movement is said to have been started because of the ugly rumors about drunken trainmen in connection with the Republic disaster on the 4th inst.

Pure Drugs Wanted.

The national convention for pure drugs was organized in Washington, the other night. One hundred and twenty-eight delegates were in attendance, many boards of trades, trade journals and commercial bodies being represented. After conference with the national board of trade resolutions were passed for the prevention of lutions were passed for the prevention of adulteration of foods, drugs, etc.

The Rothschilds and other wealthy Hebrews of London, offer a reward for the discovery of the persons who gave the false alarm of fire at the hall in Spitafields and caused the panic and terrible loss of life which followed. A subscription list has been opened for the relief of the relatives of the victims of the disaster. A Munificent Gift. President White of Cornell university has offered to the institution his magnifi-cent library, which has taken thirty-five years to collect at a cost of \$100,000, and contains 30,000 volumes, besides 10,000 manuscripts and several thousand pam-

In the case of Wells, the brakeman held for murder, in having caused the wreck at East Rio, Wis., October 28 last, where 19 lives were lost, the jury, after being out 15 minutes, returned a verdict declaring the defendant not guilty.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

He Recommends a Constitutional Centennia

President Cleveland has sent the follow

ing message to congress: ing message to congress:

To the Senate and House of Representatives;
As a matter of national interest and one solely within the discretion and control of congress, I transmit the accompanying memorial of the executive committee of the sub-constitutional centennial commission proposing to celebrate the 17th of September, 1857, in the city of Philadelphia, as the day upon which and the place where the convention that framed the Iederal constitution concluded their labors and submitted the result for ratification to the thirteen states then composing the United States.

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The epoch was one of the deepest interest, and the events well worthy of commemoration. I am aware that as each state acted independently in giving its adherence to the new constitution, the dates and anniversaries of their several ratifications. herence to the new constitution, the dates and anniversaries of their several ratifications are not coincident. Some action looking to a national expression in relation to the celebration of the close of the first century of popular government under a written constitution has already been suggested, and whilst stating the great interest I share in the renewed examination by the American people of the historical foundation of their government. I do not feel warranted in discriminating in favor of or against the propositions to select one day or place in preference to all others, and therefore content myself with conveying to congress these expressions of popular feeling and interest upon the subject hoping that in a spirit of patriotic cooperation, rather than of local competition, fitting measures may be enacted by congress which will give the amplest opportunity all over these United States for the manifestation of the affection and confidence of a free and mighty nation in the fidence of a free and mighty nation in the institutions of a government of which they are the fortunate inheritors and under which unexampled prosperity has been enjoyed by all classes and conditions in

our social system.

GROVER CLEVELAND. EXECUTIVE MANSION, Jan. 18, 1887.

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Valcay Cabalek is a well-to-do carpenter living near Cleveland, Ohio. The other morning he and his elde-t son went to work shortly before 70 clock. The mother, Antoinette, had been out of temper at the breakfast table and had refused to talk to her husband. Directly after breakfast she sent Henry, her 15-vear-old son, to a grocery near by and still another son to a milk depot. When they returned they could not get into the house. Going into the back yard, they saw James, 13 years old, in an out-house bleeding from sixteen wounds in his left side. They called their brother, who had gone off with their father, and returning, the three boys forced an entrance to the house. They discovered Tony, an 8-year-old girl, bleeding from a dozen cuts in her left side. On the floor near by were Mamie, 5 years old; Antoinette, 3-years-old, and Willie three months old, all dead from dreadful stabs near the heart. A bloody pair of shears told the story. A hunt was made for the mother. She was found in the cellar hanging from a raft, dead. She had killed her three children, mortally injured two others, and had then suicided. The two children who were still alive were removed to a neighbor's house, but died in a few hours. The were still alive were removed to a neigh-bor's house, but died in a few hours. The husband does not think his wife was insane.

A Pinkerton Murder.

A party of boys were playing in an open lot adjoining the yards of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad company in Jersey City. The boys were jeering the Pinkerton men who were stationed in the company's yard to protect property. Occasionally they rained a shower of snow balls and other missles upon the men. Near by a crowd of strikers and their sympathizers were assembled and they lent encouragement to the boys. At length the leader of the Pinkerton men stepped out and ordered the boys to stop throwing missles at them. The boys did not obey and almost immediately three sharp cracks of a revolver rang out and a sharp cracks of a revolver rang out and a boy named Hogan fell dead, his bead pierced by a bullet. Three of the Pinker-ton men were arre-ted and taken to the station house to await an examination.

Rumors of War.

Rumors of war are becoming more and more frequent. The North German Gasette, the National Gasette, and the Cologne Gasette, as well as the Times, Standard and Daily News of London, all report that France is making elaborate preparations to dispatch to the German frontier strong reinforcements of arms.

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An inspired letter from Berlin says:
"In government circles here the situation is regarded as serious. The peaceful tone of the French press is not assuring, as it is evident the papers have been ordered officially to adopt a peaceful attitude. There can be no question that France is prepar-ing military camps on the German fron-tier. It remains to be seen whether a plausible reason can be given for this.

Mrs. Grant's Tribute.

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Mrs. Grant has added to the Grant monument fund \$582.50 in the form of two checks audited by the treasury department in favor of her late husband. Last year the one for \$120 arrears was found to be due Gen. Grant under the old Mexican war pay acts. The other for \$862.50 was the balance due the general on his salary from July 1, 1885, to the time of his death, July 23, 1885. Mrs. Grant feels that the money is too sacred to be used in any other way than as an offering toward the building of a monument of her late husband.

Union Veterans.

The first national encampment of the Union Veterans' Union was held in Washington on the 19th, Commander M. O. Dillon presiding. The organization is composed of soldiers who served at least six months at the front or were wounded before that length of service. Over 100 delegates, representing eighteen states, were present. After the appointment of a number of committees a "camp fire" was held, at which speeches were made by Senator Voorhees, Congressman Pettibone and others.

DETROIT MARKETS

Michigan patent... Michigan roller ... Minnesota patent... Minnesota bakers'. Michigan rye...... RESWAL UTTER ABBAGES per 100..... Cannadas per 100
Ciden per gal
Cranhennias, per bu
Chessa, per lb
Duizo Applas, per bu
Dussan Hous, per cws
Edus, per doz
Honzr, per lb
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Hat, per ton, clover MAIT, per bu.
ONIONS, per bbl.
POTATORS, per bu.
l'OULTRY—Chickens per lb Ducks... Roosters,live, lb Fowls... Spring Chickens. Ducks...

LIVE STOCK. Cattle—Market steady and strong; shipping steers, of 250 to 1,500 lbs, \$3 50@5 20; stockers and feeders, \$2 35@3.75; cows, bulls and mixed, stronger at \$1 80@3 30; bulk,\$2 40@2 90; Texas cattle, \$2 25;@2 30 Hoss—Market strong and 5@10c higher early, closing weak; rough and mixed \$4@4 70; packing and shipping, \$4 65@5; light very weak at \$3 80@4 55; skips, \$2 75@3 80.

SHEEF-Market steady; common to good \$2 75@4 75; choice, \$4 80@5; western, \$3@4 80; Texans, \$2@5 75; lambs, \$2@5 50 The Drovers' Journal special cablegras quotes the market weak; best America steers 1/20 lower at 120 per lb. dressed.